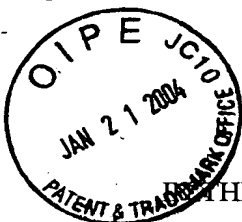


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Responsive to the Official Action dated October 20, 2003, please reconsider
the application in view of the following.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 2 of this paper.

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